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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PLANS FOR DEFENCE FORCE

1. WINDHOEK ADVERTISER OF JUNE 3 REPORTED THAT THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE FOR SWA HAD MET ON JUNE 2 TO REVIEW PLANS DRAFTED BY SAG DEFENCE FORCE FOR FORMATION OF A DEFENCE FORCE FOR SWA. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ACCORDING TO TURNHALLE DELEGATES WHO SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PUT BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION. UNNAMED DELEGATES HAD SPECULATED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, THAT "THEY WOULD MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS TO THE WEST," IN THE COURSE OF NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE UNCLASSIFIED

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WISER TO TAKE DECISIONS ON DEFENSE ONLY AFTER NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN FINISHED.

2. TURNHALLE DELEGATES ALSO COMMENTED, ACCORDING TO ADVERTISER, THAT DUE TO LACK OF MONEY AND FACILITIES, IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE COMPULSORY TRAINING OR A FORCE OF ANY SIZE. THEY WERE ALSO UNSURE

AS TO WHETHER MILITARY TRAINING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON ETHNIC GROUP BASIS OR MULTI-RACIAL. WHATEVER THE DIFFICULTIES, DELEGATES FELT THAT PLAN OF FORMATION OF INTERNAL DEFENCE FORCE MUST BE ACCEPTED "SO THAT PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS MIGHT DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY."

3. THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH INCLUDED LT. COL. C.L. VILJOEN, CHIEF OF THE ARMY, AND COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, JANNIE DE WET, IS BELIEVED LIKELY TO MEET AGAIN, ACCORDING TO THE ADVERTISER, AFTER THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE OF THE TURNHALLE HAS RESUMED SESSIONS. THE DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET PENDING COMPLETION OF CURRENT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FIVE IN CAPE TOWN.

4. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO ACTIVITIES IN THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE SINCE IT WAS FORMED LATE IN FEBRUARY (CAPE TOWN 414). EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE.BOWDLER

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